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DIVISION OF ANIMALS INTO GROUPS
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ANIMALS TO A STUNNING APPARATUS

Examiner: Francis T. Palo

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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed below and on the attached Form PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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Summary/abstract translations of the non-English language references are enclosed.

It is noted that U.S. Patent No. 5, 186,677 is an English-language equivalent of EP-0441633.

Additionally, the Examiner's attention is directed to Applicant's co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 10/496,373, which corresponds to U.S. Application Publication No. 2004/0259489 A1 identified above and on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

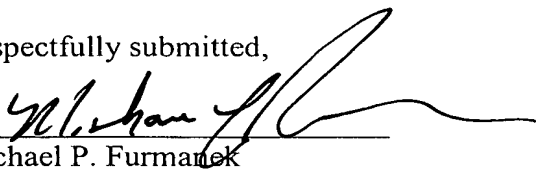
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